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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTURE OF
AMERICAN TOURISTS IN EGYPT

REF: ATHENS 7134, 7135; LONDON 11882

1. AS OF 1130 HOURS OCTOBER 15, KAVOUNIDES SHIPPING
LINES HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE DESIRED WAR RISK
INSURANCE FOR SS ADONIS. ALL UNDERWRITERS RELUCTANT
TO MAKE EXCEPTION TO AGREEMENT REACHED ON FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 12 THAT NO COVERAGE WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SHIPS
ENTERING 50-MILE LIMIT OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN MIDDLE
EAST CRISIS.

2. KAVOUNIDES HAS QUOTED EMBASSY LONDON AS SAYING THAT
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GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL, SYRIA AND EGYPT INFORMED OF SHIP

EVACUATION PLAN AND RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND SAFE PASSAGE WILL BE GRANTED. WITH THIS INFORMATION, GIVEN AT 0915 HOURS THIS MORNING AND REPEATED SINCE, KAVOUNIDES TRYING ANEW TO INTEREST MAJOR UNDERWRITERS. A CERTIFICATE HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR KAVOUNIDES' USE.

3. WHILE KAVOUNIDES STILL HOPEFUL, HE WAS AT 1130 HOURS THIS MORNING TRYING TO REACH ATHENS TO CONSULT WITH PARENT COMPANY ON FURTHER STEPS. MEANWHILE, HE INQUIRED WHETHER USG WOULD IN EMERGENCY UNDERTAKE INSURANCE. WE HAVE ADVISED SHIPPING AGENT THAT COVERAGE THROUGH NORMAL UNDERWRITER CHANNELS PREFERRED BUT THAT AS LAST RESORT INSURANCE COVERAGE BY USG WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

4. WILL REPORT SOONEST NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

5. FOR CAIRO,
SHIFT FROM ADONIS TO SISTER SHIP
ESPEROS WAS RAISED IN ATHENS 7134. ALL CURRENT EFFORTS
RELATE TO ADONIS NOT ESPEROS.

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